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(05.02):

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED 21 APRIL FROM YEKIMCHEV FOR SCHEFFEY. INFORMAL TRANSLATION TO TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. SINCE THE THIRD MEETING OF THE JOINT US-USSR WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT CONSTRUCTION, HALF A YEAR HAS PASSED. DURING THIS TIME SOVIET

SPECIALISTS HAVE CARRIED OUT THE WORK SPECIFIED IN THE COORDINATED PROGRAMS OF THE SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION ON PROBLEMS "BRIDGE STRUCTURE INVESTIGATIONS, METHODS OF THEIR CONSTRUCTING, TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT" AND "INVESTIGATIONS ON IMPROVING OF PROJECTING AND CONSTRUCTION METHODS OF TRANSPORT TUNNELS."

3. AT PRESENT THE INTERMEDIATE ACCOUNT OF INVESTIGATIONS, CARRIED OUT IN 1975 ON THEME I.I "MANUFACTURING OF ALL-METAL

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BRIDGE STRUCTURES, INCLUDING QUESTIONS OF STATE OF STRESS

RESEARCH AS THEY ARE MANUFACTURED," HAS BEEN PREPARED. THIS ACCOUNT WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

4. BESIDES, WE ARE PREPARING A REVIEW OF METHODS OF CALCULATION OF LOADS, WHICH ACT UPON TUNNEL JACKETING AND A PRELIMINARY METHOD OF EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH ON LOAD DETERMINATION OF A TUNNEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

5. IN PROCEEDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP 111 MEETING, IT IS SPECIFIED THAT THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS WILL BE IN 1976. IN PARTICULAR, IT WAS SUPPOSED THAT AMERICAN SPECIALISTS WOULD VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN THE SECOND OR IN THE THIRD QUARTER 1976 FOR ACQUAINTANCE WITH EXPERIENCES IN BRIDGES AND TUNNEL CONSTRUCTING. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHICH QUESTIONS ARE OF GREATER INTEREST FOR AMERICAN SPECIALISTS, AND THE DATES OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE USSR MORE PRECISELY SO THAT WE COULD PREPARE IN ADVANCE A RECEPTION PROGRAM AND SEND IT TO YOU.

6. FOR MY PART I INFORM YOU THAT THE MOST ACCEPTABLE TIME FOR SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO VISIT THE USA IS JULY OR AUGUST. AND DURING THIS VISIT SOVIET SPECIALISTS WISH TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- A) METHODS OF TRENCH WALLS AND FOUNDATION AREAS CASING IN OPEN-CUT MINING (CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUBWAY IN WASHINGTON) AND WITH MECHANIZED TUNNELING IN HARD AND SOFT GROUNDS;
 - B) METHODS AND FEATURES OF UNDERGROUND TUNNELING (THE SECOND TUNNEL "EISENHOWER," COLORADO) AND WITH METHODS OF EXPERIMENTAL WORK IN THIS TUNNEL, SPECIFIED IN THE RESEARCH PROGRAM ON THEME 2.1;
 - C) OPERATION OF THE DRILLING DEVELOPMENT MACHINE "ROBBINS (TUNNEL "BUCKSKIN", ARIZONA);
 - D) CONSTRUCTION OF THE HYDRAULIC TUNNEL NEAR "SKYKOMISH," WASHINGTON WITH AN APPLICATION OF A COMBINED (MECHANICAL AND WATER-JET METHOD OF MINING BY AN ENTRY-DRIVING MACHINE;
 - E) METHODS OF HIGH-SPEED DRIVING AND HIGH-SPEED JACKETING CONCRETING (THE TUNNEL IN SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA);
 - F) EXPERIENCE IN USE OF NEW DRIVING EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND WORK WAYS (AT TUNNEL STILLWATER, UTAH).
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7. DURING THIS MEETING IT IS ADVISABLE TO DISCUSS INTERMEDIATE RESULTS OF JOINT INVESTIGATIONS AND COORDINATE THE METHOD OF EXPERIMENTAL DETERMINATION OF LOADS, ACTING UPON A TUNNEL JACKETING IN ROCK.

8. DEAR MR. SCHEFFEY, PLEASE CONVEY YOUR OPINION TO ME ON THE QUESTIONS TOUCHED UPON IN THE LETTER. END QUOTE.

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